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LETTER DATED 21 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to kindly request that the text of the resolution of the Council of the League of Arab States adopted at its extraordinary session convened on 5 January 1992 concerning the situation in the Somali Democratic Republic be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed SNOUSSI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
of the Kingdom of Morocco to the
United Nations

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Resolution adopted on 5 January 1992 by the Council of
the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session
concerning the situation in the Somali Democratic
Republic

RESOLUTION No. 5157 ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE AT
ITS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON 5 JANUARY 1992 CONCERNING THE
SITUATION IN SOMALIA

The Council of the League,

Having considered the note of the General Secretariat, as well as note No. 11 dated 2 January 1992 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the explanatory note dated 3 January 1992 from the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the evolution of the situation in Somalia,

Having considered the serious developments on the Somali political scene resulting from the deterioration of the situation, the internal strife and conflict, and the insecurity and instability that continue to plague the country,

Expressing its deep concern at these developments, which pose an increasing threat to the national unity and territorial integrity of Somalia and are likely, unless they are brought to an end, to cause serious damage to the supreme interests and security of the Arab nation,

Expressing its concern at the tragic plight of the Somali people and deeply regretting the thousands of deaths that occurred during the clashes in the capital, as well as the terrible deterioration of the health, social and security situation, the disintegration of the country's economic infrastructure and the paralysis of the apparatus and institutions of the State,

Reaffirming its determination to preserve the national unity and territorial integrity of Somalia and to work towards that end in order to establish peace and stability, as was stated in its resolution 5097 (eighty-sixth ordinary session) of 12 September 1991,

Having reviewed the ongoing Arab initiatives aimed at creating understanding and national reconciliation in Somalia, and at preserving the unity, security and stability of that country,

Decides:

1. To invite all the protagonists to halt their clashes forthwith in order to pave the way for a peaceful settlement of their disputes on the basis of dialogue and national understanding, the only way to avoid bloodshed among the Somali people and safeguard their supreme interests;
2. To instruct the Secretary-General immediately to undertake negotiations with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States, with a view to establishing a ministerial committee with the task of immediately establishing contact as appropriate with the parties to the conflict in Somalia, in preparation for an emergency meeting to be held within the framework of the League of Arab States in order to decide on the most appropriate way of reaching a settlement that would preserve the unity of the sister nation of Somalia and guarantee security and stability for the Somali people;
3. To provide Somalia with emergency relief, calling on all the Arab countries, so as to enable the Somali people to cope with their tragic plight and avert the spectre of famine that threatens them, and to keep the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States informed;
4. To instruct the Secretary-General to open a special account for Somalia and to take such measures as he may deem necessary to determine and coordinate assistance in kind provided by the Member States, and ensure orderly distribution;
5. To pay tribute to all the regional and international organizations for their efforts in this area, and to urge them to support the efforts of the League of Arab States and coordinate their activities with the League with a view to establishing a lasting cease-fire in Somalia;
6. To thank the Secretary-General for his actions and to request him to continue using his good offices and remain seized of the question, and to leave open the possibility of a resumption of the extraordinary session at any time, if the Secretary-General so requests.
